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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6341

BILL NUMBER: SB 402

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 10, 2008

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Satellite Voting Offices.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Rogers

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill permits a county election board (CEB) to authorize, by a majority vote of the CEB's entire membership, the circuit court clerk to establish satellite offices for voting. (Currently, satellite offices are authorized by the unanimous vote of the board.)

Effective Date: July 1, 2009.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Summary:* This provision could allow CEBs easier authorization of satellite voting offices (SVO). Approval of SVOs could increase CEB expenditures if they were placed in facilities that require rental payment for use. However, the additional expense could be mitigated if SVOs were placed in other public buildings such as public schools.

Background on Absentee Ballot Delivery & SVOs- Under current law, an absentee ballot must be received by a CEB in time for the CEB to deliver the ballot to the precinct election board of the voter's precinct before the closing of the polls on election day. With respect to voting before an absentee voter board, which would include an SVO, the voter may vote not more than 29 days prior to election day. Additionally, the voter must have their absentee ballot to the SVO by noon on the day prior to election day.

SVOs are established to handle absentee ballot submissions as an alternative to mailing or hand delivering

an absentee ballot to the CEB. SVOs allow a county the option to mitigate some of the driving distance for outlying voters from the CEB office in the county seat.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: County election boards, clerk of the circuit court.

Information Sources: IC 3-11-10.

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